

Jesus: Our Forever Temple (4/13/25)

Verses: John 2:13-22

Main Verse: John 2:21-22

'Takeaway': His resurrection from the dead is proof that Jesus has the power & authority to be our *forever* access to God.



Getting Started: Have you ever had to wait to get access to something or someone?

READ: John 2:13-22 (or have older kids help read).

Some **QUESTIONS** to consider:

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Here are some **IMPORTANT IDEAS** we discover in these verses:

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An **ENCOURAGEMENT** in light of God's word:

Toddler: Talk to God. Thank him for sending his Son, Jesus, to rescue us from sin & death. Thank God for his power, greater than anything, that resurrected Jesus from the dead, making Jesus our forever priest, & giving us access to God. Ask God to help you learn more about him as you grow up.

Elementary: Talk to God. Thank him for Jesus, whose power over death thru His resurrection (by the power of God) makes him our *forever* priest. Thank God that thru faith in Jesus, we have access to God forever. Ask him to soften your heart to his resurrection message so you might know him & love him forever. Is he talking to your heart even now? If so, you might pray something like this: **Admit** you are guilty of living a me-centered life instead of a God-centered one. **Believe** that Jesus is your only hope for forgiveness, freedom, & forever with God. With your whole heart & being, **commit** yourself to following Jesus' loving leadership. If you pray this, or have questions about what it means, talk to a trusted adult in your life about it.